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TPUSA Founder and Leader Charlie Kirk Assassinated in Utah

In the latest act of violence by the radical Left, Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk was murdered by an unknown gunman while speaking on the topic of gun violence at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. At the time of this writing, no suspect has been named or apprehended, but the assassination was obviously carefully planned and professionally executed, with Kirk dying from a single well-placed rifle shot to the neck from a considerable distance.

The 31-year-old Kirk was known for his affable and articulate public debates on topics that many on the Right were too squeamish to discuss, including transgender and homosexual issues. Charlie was also deeply religious and an outspoken defender of his Christian beliefs and of Western civilization. Despite never finishing a college degree, Kirk managed to be a thorn in the side of university and college campuses across the country, thanks to his broad knowledge of history, philosophy, and law, which enabled him to go toe to toe with numerous academic sophisticates. He was uniquely successful in appealing to youth, and had an enormous following online and on college campuses—which is doubtless why the Left hated and feared him more than anyone else aside from Donald Trump himself.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk is perhaps the highest profile killing of a conservative leader in American history. Unfortunately, more of this kind of thing is likely forthcoming as the radical Left continues to show its genuine, murderous colors. — Steve Bonta

The Tide Is Turning Against Climate Alarmism!

"The Old Climate-Activism Playbook No Longer Works." That's the first part of a recent headline letting readers know that the-sky-is-falling climate narrative is no longer having the effect it once did. If you had to guess, where would you say that headline appeared? In *The New American,* perhaps? Nope. That headline appeared in The New York Times Magazine for September 5. Of course, the *NYT* is lamenting the fact that the climate alarmism it has trumpeted for generations no longer works —as is subtly suggested by the rest of the *Times* headline, "What Else Can?"

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Indeed, what else can save their narrative in support of net-carbon zero by 2050? The subtitle of the *Times* article indicates (no surprise here!) that the alarmists are not giving up: "Activists are hoping to recreate the magic of 1970's Earth Day — at a moment when the movement's future is cloudier than ever."

"Cloudier than ever"? Shining the light of truth on climate alarmism, as *The New American* and other climate realists have done, has that effect. So do higher electric bills and a less-stable power grid — consequences of the establishment push against carbon-dioxide emissions.

Climate Depot, which has done great work exposing the alarmism, posted the following headline on September 7:

> 'The Crumbling Edifice of Climate Orthodoxy' – 'The Tide is Turning Decisively Against Net Zero' – 'Collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions'

Below that heading, Climate Depot reposts a Daily Sceptic article titled "The Tide is Turning Decisively Against Net Zero," wherein the author, Tilak Doshi, writes:

> But a spate of recent headlines suggests that the 'Net Zero by 2050' policy is falling apart. There is a growing realisation across advanced economies that the grandiose project of achieving 'Net Zero by 2050' is collapsing under the weight of its own contradictions. What was once heralded as a consensus across the political class, corporate boardrooms and multilateral agencies now looks increasingly like an edifice of ideology built on a vaporous, oxymoronic 'consensus science'. The rising tide of empirical reality — the costs of intermittent renewables, the geopolitical consequences of energy insecurity and the sheer scale of power demand growth from artificial intelligence infrastructure — has swept away the carefully constructed narrative of inevitability around the so-called energy transition.

— Gary Benoit

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Sen. Rand Paul Scolds Trump Administration Over Venezuelan Boat Strike

Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.) is not happy that President Donald Trump ordered a boat said to be carrying gang members and drugs to the U.S. blown to pieces.

When he announced the strike on his Truth Social account, Trump said the people on the boat had been "positively identified Tren de Aragua Narcoterrorists." The U.S. has designated the gang a foreign terrorist organization. Trump said the boat was traveling on international waters toward America with illegal narcotics in tow. The strike killed the 11 people on board.

But Paul, ever a stickler for the law of the land, found some problems with this. "The recent drone attack on a small speedboat over 2,000 miles from our shore without identification of the occupants or the content of the boat is in no way part of a declared war, and defies our

longstanding Coast Guard rules of engagement," he said in a statement to *Newsweek*.

Paul's comments to news outlets and on social media indicate he is skeptical the boat was carrying drugs — or at least two of the major drugs coming into the U.S. from south of the border. On Monday, he told a commenter on social media that Venezuela is a source not of fentanyl, but of cocaine, which it pushes "primarily over land to the Pacific Ocean."

He's also not convinced the boat was on its way to the U.S. "How is a boat with four outboard engines going to go 2,700 miles across the ocean? I think in more likelihood, these drugs were not even intended for the United States. It could have been for any of dozens of islands down there, if there were drugs," he said, according to reports.

The above is part of an article by Paul Dragu. To see the entire article at TheNewAmerican.com, click here.

Activist Judges Continue to Block Trump's Efforts to Deport Illegals

In the latest judicial outrage attempting to cement in place the Biden-era illegal immigration status quo, District Judge Edward Chen overruled the Department of Homeland Security's revocation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) granted by the Biden Administration to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants, especially from Venezuela and Haiti. Apparently in the belief that "Temporary" actually means "Permanent," Judge Chen wrote that DHS Secretary Kristi Noem's attempt to revoke protected status was "not only unprecedented in the manner and speed in which it was taken but also violates the law." The DHS fired back, stating that TPS has long been "abused, exploited, and politicized as a de facto amnesty program," and that "[u]nelected activist judges cannot stop the will of the American people for a safe and secure homeland."

Perhaps, but Judge Chen is apparently willing to disregard the Supreme Court itself, in his zeal to thwart the Trump agenda. Back in May, the Supreme Court lifted a hold placed by the same California judge to defy Trump and keep TPS protections in place. Judge Chen's excuse for openly defying a Supreme Court ruling, according to his new order, is that the Supreme Court's May order only dealt with preliminary relief, and did not prevent him from issuing new orders. By this reasoning, of course, recalcitrant judicial activists on lower courts could regard themselves free to issue and re-issue fresh orders in defiance of higher court rulings whenever they don't get the outcome they want, making a mockery of the entire appellate system of justice. — Steve Bonta

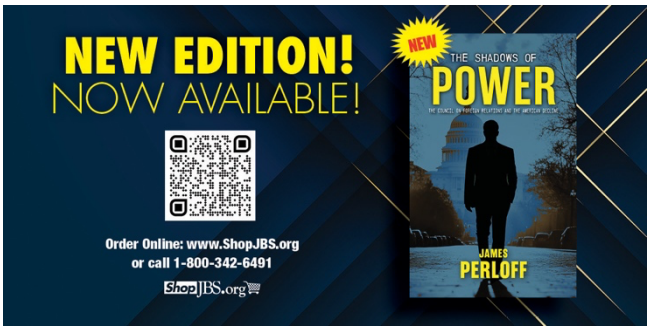
Nepal Riots Against Communist Government:

Generation Z has had it with communist oppression in Kathmandu. After the Nepali government announced a sweeping, China-style ban of Western social media, including Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube, journalists and youth poured into the streets of the capital, and in the ensuing chaos, at least sixteen youth were killed by government forces. A curfew was imposed, and Nepal appeared poised to descend into full police-state authoritarianism.

This was no surprise to anyone who has kept track of the career of Nepal's longtime off-and on prime minister and chairman of the Communist Party of Nepal K. P. Sharma Oli. Oli has been a radical communist revolutionary his entire adult life, becoming a member of the communist

party at age 18, and participating in revolutionary intrigue ever since. Recent decades have seen the overthrow of the monarchy in Nepal and its replacement by a "people's government," which in practice has meant the legitimizing of the violent communist insurgency that, for a while, was carrying out a campaign of violence across the country. Now, as a "democracy," Nepal, with more than a little help from their new cross-border ally China, is rapidly morphing into a China mini-me, with the social media ban and ruthless crackdown but the latest phase. Oli, be it noted, has been prime minister three times since 2015, with his latest accession to power coming only last year. Old and in failing health, he was obviously intent on his third term seeing his lifelong goal, the full communization of Nepal, come to fruition.

But things have not gone Oli's way. After the death toll rose past 22, and demonstrators set Nepal's parliament building on fire, Oli lost his nerve and fled the country for sanctuary in Dubai. The remnants of Nepal's



government reversed the social media ban, and the country now faces an uncertain future, with a decisive turn away from communist authoritarianism a possibility. — Steve Bonta

France's government collapses again, Macron again urged to resign

After Nepal, the next head of state who may become a casualty of popular discontent is France's Emmanuel Macron, who appears to have nearly exhausted his political nine lives. France's government collapsed for the third time in a little over a year after François Bayrou became the latest French prime minster to succumb to a no-confidence vote last Monday. Undeterred, Macron appointed Sébastien Lecornu, his outgoing defense minister, as the new prime minister. But massive protests continue across France, thanks to a new movement called Bloquons Tout ("Let's block everything"), who are vowing to push for another no confidence vote immediately. To be sure, France is no stranger to nationwide demonstrations, strikes, and the like, and this one is being driven both by French nationalist elements and by the radical Left, who have very different objectives. Macron does seem determined to cling to power as the current leader of a dwindling coterie of European heads of state favoring the EU-centered status quo and the globalist establishment. — Steve Bonta

Buenos Aires votes for a return to socialism:

Like the proverbial dog returning to its vomit, voters in Argentina's Buenos Aires province voted last weekend overwhelmingly for the socialism that has impoverished and enslaved the South American nation for generations. In a shocking defeat for libertarian president Javier Milei's policies, which have wrought an economic miracle in Argentina in less than two years, Argentinians showed the world why their country has been unable to

repudiate socialism despite decades of destruction, voting for Peronist candidates by a huge margin of 47% to only 34% for Milei's La Libertad Avanza. One of Milei's strongest critics, Axel Kicillof, the left-wing governor of Buenos Aires province, exulted to his supporters over the prospect that Argentina would soon be returning to full-blown socialism:

> The ballot boxes told Milei that public works cannot be halted. They explained to him that retirees cannot be beaten, that people with disabilities cannot be abandoned. The ballot boxes shouted that education, healthcare, science and culture cannot be defunded.

Seeing the writing on the wall for Argentina's experiment with liberty, international markets swooned, sending Argentina's bonds into a slump.

While last weekend's election was only a provincial bellwether, it portends ill for national elections next month. The Peronists already control the largest bloc in Argentina's congress, and have been using it to force through continued big spending on welfarist legislation and to block much of Milei's reform program. This, in concert with continuing orchestrated unrest, have maintained the illusion of social instability. Much to the consternation of those of us who have admired Milei's gallant effort from afar, it is looking like he will end up

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only the latest victim of the socialist long knives in the mercurial Mercosur. — Steve Bonta

California Rescinds Article V Con-Con Applications

In a major victory for the U.S. Constitution, the California Legislature (in a rare good move) has rescinded all its applications for an Article V constitutional convention.

Last week, the Legislature unanimously passed Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1), which declares:

> Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That all applications previously made by the Legislature of the State of California for the United States Congress to call a convention for proposing amendments to the United States Constitution are hereby rescinded, nullified, and superseded.

SJR 1 rescinds seven Con-Con applications passed between 1911 and 2023, including:

- A 1949 application for an amendment authorizing U.S. participation in a "world federal government";
- A 2014 Wolf-PAC application to overturn *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* (2010) and, by extension, limit the First Amendment; and
- A 2023 application for an amendment imposing draconian federal gun control.

Although this is a major victory, it's essential that other state legislatures follow suit. Contact your state legislators, and urge them to rescind any live applications for a convention. Additionally, if any resolutions for new Con-Con applications are pending in your state's legislature, urge your legislators to reject them. — Peter Rykowski

Trump Order Requires Classical Architecture for Federal Buildings

President Donald Trump has signed an executive order making "classical and traditional architecture" the default for federal buildings. The order closely resembles one that Trump signed in December 2020, but that Joe Biden rescinded early in his presidency.

Trump's order highlights the importance that the Founding Fathers placed on architecture, and explains how the federal government abandoned classical architecture for modernist styles:

> In the 1960s, the Federal Government largely replaced traditional designs for new construction with modernist and brutalist ones. The Federal architecture that ensued, overseen by the General Services Administration (GSA), was often unpopular with Americans. The new buildings ranged from the undistinguished to designs even GSA now admits many in the public found unappealing.
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> In 1994, GSA responded to this widespread criticism by establishing the Design Excellence Program. The GSA intended that program to "provide visual testimony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor, and stability of the American Government." Unfortunately, the program has not met this goal. Under the Design Excellence Program, GSA has often selected designs by prominent architects with little regard for local input or regional aesthetic preferences. The resulting Federal architecture sometimes impresses the architectural elite, but not the American people who the buildings are meant to serve. Many of these new Federal buildings are not even visibly identifiable as civic buildings.

Trump's executive order is a symbolic-yet-significant action. In its report on his 2020 order, *The New American* explained:

> While President Trump's order might appear minor or trivial, in reality, it is a significant and long-overdue action. One's choice of architecture reflects one's character, culture, and values. This is as true for countries — including the United States — as it is for individuals.
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> The Founding Fathers designed the U.S. as a federal republic, based on the rule of law rather than the shifting whims of the popular majority, and took inspiration from the Ancient Greeks and Romans. As already mentioned, the founders and their contemporaries also applied this to the country's architecture, and such a strong association existed that the Roman-inspired architecture of the late-18th and early-19th centuries became known as "Federal style."

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On the other hand, globalists and Marxists, in their quest for a one-world government separated from traditional culture and Judeo-Christian values, have worked to sever Americans from their national heritage. They have used various methods to accomplish this, including enabling cultural Marxist indoctrination in the public education system and by reshaping the country through mass migration. Promoting architectural styles completely disconnected from culture and history is another, very subtle, method.

This explains why, among its other actions, the Soviet Union promoted modernist architectural styles such as Constructivism, which sought "to create an environment that would inculcate new social values." The Soviet communists, like other Marxists, understood that the submersion of society in such architectural styles helps detach individuals from their history, heritage, culture, and nationality.

In the past four years, President Trump has worked to promote Americanism in multiple areas, including in education, promoting American history, and, now, in architecture. His push in the latter area is also popular, with 72 percent of Americans supporting the use of traditional architecture for federal buildings over modernist styles, according to a Harris Poll in October.

Although it is important for federal buildings to visualize a republican form of government, it is even more important for the federal government to uphold the U.S. Constitution in its actions. Contact your U.S. representative and senators, and urge them to uphold the Constitution in their voting records. — Peter Rykowski

U.S. Senate to Invoke "Nuclear Option" to Confirm Trump Nominees

The U.S. Senate is invoking the "nuclear option" to speed up the pace of confirmations for executive-branch positions.

As of this writing, Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) has invoked cloture on Senate Resolution 377, which would allow the Senate to vote en bloc on multiple nominees. If S. Res. 377 passes, the Senate would simultaneously confirm 48 nominees at once, with more en bloc lists to follow. The Senate is expected to officially pass this rules change next week.

Although the rules change will allow the Senate to confirm President Donald Trump's executive-branch nominees more quickly, it doesn't address the fact that the vast majority of the 1,300 political positions requiring Senate confirmation are unconstitutional, and that the current gridlock in Congress is at least partially the result of the federal government's enormous (and increasing) power and scope, which has made each individual nomination more consequential.

Additionally, Senate Democrats will undoubtedly use this rules change to ram through leftist nominees in a future Democratic administration.

Rather than seeking near-sighted solutions, Congress must address the root cause — the federal government's long-term, massive expansion well beyond its constitutionally limited and defined powers.
— Peter Rykowski

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